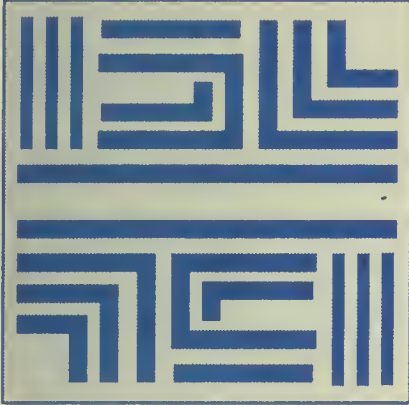


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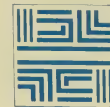
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## SERVING STATE GOVERNMENT

In its role as the library for state government, the Illinois State Library maintains a collection of 4.7 million items, with an emphasis on federal and state documents. The library is a regional depository for state and federal documents and serves as a coordinator for 64 federal and state document depositories.

Significant collections include:

- Federal government publications
- Federal and Illinois legislation and regulations
- Illinois state agency publications
- Illinois and federal maps
- Patent information
- Access to computerized information services

### CHICAGO REFERENCE FACILITY

A reference facility to serve state employees is also available at the State of Illinois Center in Chicago. The facility provides immediate access to standard reference materials, and has a direct link to the State Library in Springfield through computer and telefacsimile connections.

## SERVING ILLINOIS LIBRARIES

### ILLINET

The Illinois State Library serves all Illinois residents by supporting library services statewide. The Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET) links more than 2,500 publicly and privately supported academic, public, school and special libraries, enabling them to share resources. The State Library works through 18 regional library systems and four Research and Reference Centers to provide specialized materials to residents through their local library.

### LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Working to improve library services throughout Illinois, the State Library provides libraries with assistance for continuing library education and advice on program development. The State Library also stimulates local support for library services and works with other organizations and institutions to provide workshops and in-service training programs for librarians and library trustees. Specialized programs to meet the needs of persons who are disabled, including the blind, the disadvantaged and elderly persons, are also provided.

The State Library also serves libraries by providing services for rural library development, awarding and monitoring funds for library construction and library services development, publishing statistics and analyses relating to library growth and service, and by assisting local libraries with a wide range of support services.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### PATENT DEPOSITORY

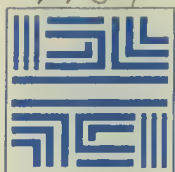
In its role as a United States Patent Depository, the State Library supports Illinois' economic development efforts. The library has access to the Classification and Search Support Information System, the computerized system of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and collects patent information on microfilm and paper. Illinois residents can learn to conduct their own patent searches at the State Library.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

The Administrative Code Division publishes the "Illinois Administrative Code," a compilation of the administrative rules of Illinois state agencies as they were on file and in effect on January 1, 1985, in the Office of the Secretary of State. The Code gives the public direct access to rules which directly affect their lives.

### PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

In 1987, the State Library established an Office of Preservation to coordinate statewide planning for preserving Illinois' library and archival material. The office serves as a focal point for preservation advocacy, promotes public awareness of the need for a program to preserve the documentary heritage of the state, and assesses needs and establishes specific programs to meet them.



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### LITERACY

An estimated one in five Illinois adults is functionally illiterate. Under the leadership of the State Library, libraries across the state are becoming involved in the literacy effort. With funds from the Secretary of State's Literacy Program, Illinois libraries are working side-by-side with adult education agencies and community-based organizations to support adult new reader collections, providing tutoring space, and assisting with publicity and referrals.

The Illinois literacy effort has been spearheaded by the Illinois Literacy Council, chaired by Secretary of State Jim Edgar in his capacity as State Librarian.

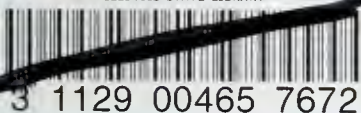
The State Library Literacy Office serves as a clearinghouse of information and technical support for the growing literacy network of more than 250 local programs.

The Illinois Literacy Hotline, (800) 321-9511, links students and tutors with local literacy programs.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The State Library strives to promote quality service throughout the state, and education and training are key factors in the delivery of this service. Each academic year, the State Library offers scholarships of \$7,500 each through its Master of Library Science Degree Program. By awarding scholarships, the State Library encourages college graduates with demonstrated academic achievement, talent, and potential to enter the library profession and to work in Illinois libraries.

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## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### *BLIND & PHYSICALLY DISABLED*

Illinois residents who cannot hold, handle or read conventional printed material because of a visual or physical handicap have access to books on cassette as well as in Braille through the Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (IRLBPH) in Chicago. The State Library awards grant funds to IRLBPH and library systems to provide these services.

### *READ ILLINOIS*

This program encourages Illinois residents to recognize and enjoy the state's rich literary heritage and promotes the writings of Illinois authors. The program sponsors an annual Illinois Literary Heritage Conference to further develop literary ideas and programs. Free posters, bookmarks and Illinois Authors maps are available from the State Library.

### *DELIVERY SERVICE*

The State Library funds and monitors the Intersystem Library Delivery Service, which delivers interlibrary loan materials statewide. The system provides 24-hour delivery service on six routes with 38 direct drop points, ensuring fast, secure delivery of library material. Complementing the delivery system is the instant transfer of information through a statewide network of 140 telefacsimile machines.

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